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DEVICE FOR DETECTING A
FINGERPRINT, ELECTRIC
APPARATUS AND DOORKEEPER
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 23, 2001,
please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel claim 25.

Add the following new claim:

--26. (new) A device for detecting a fingerprint of a fingertip placed on a contact surface that moves up and down and is part of a fingerprint input section, the device comprising:

a moving element opposing downward movement of the contact surface when the contact surface is pressed downward by a fingertip whose fingerprint is to be detected;

a leaf spring with a recess that defines a detent position at a depressed location of the contact surface and urging the contact surface to remain in the detent position when